

REMARKS**Support for Amendments**

Applicant hereby points out support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes to the claims made by the amendment paper. Applicant notes that amendments were made to claims 1 and 11. Applicant retains markings to show where amendments were made.

With regard to claim 1, support for:

(a) “a directory of identifiers and metadata to a plurality of network services, wherein said network services receive XML inputs and produce XML outputs” can be found throughout the specification, including but not limited to page 9, lines 9-14, page 10, lines 5-7, page 12, line 18; page 23, lines 20-22; Fig. 2A; page 23, line 23- page 24, line 5.

(b) “an engine for receiving requests, using said identifiers in said directory to direct said requests to access said network services when requested, and constructing a state storing session for interfacing with said network services by using one of said network services to transform an XML runtime model into said state storing session, wherein said XML runtime model defines interaction between said state storing session and said network services,” can be found throughout the specification, including but not limited to page 26, line 22- page 27, line 14; Figs. 5 and 6 (see also step 603); page 28, lines 10-21; page 29, line 20 - page 31, line 15; (runtime model definitions and structures) page 32, line 23 - page 38, line 15.

(c) “wherein said state storing session uses a driver to interface with each of said network services via stateless network protocols and said state storing session is configured from said metadata from said directory; and” can be found throughout the specification, including but not limited to page 11, lines 8-12; page 14, lines 10-15; Fig. 3.

The above references in the specification also provide support for similar amendments made in claim 11.

Antecedent Basis in the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to correct for antecedent basis for the various terms cited by the Examiner. For example, "the interaction" has been amended to "interaction" in line 8.

Applicant also notes that "said runtime model" has been amended to "said XML runtime model"

5 in line 7. Applicant notes that "a plurality of network services" in line 1 provides antecedent basis for "said network services" throughout the claim 1 and subsequent dependent claims.

Similar amendments have been made to claim 11.

Conclusion

10 Applicant hereby requests that the above remarks and amendments be entered along with the amendments and remarks originally filed on January 6, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1215. Please show our reference number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

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